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1. PRIOR TO FEB 13 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
DEBUNNE SOUGHT GUIDANCE OF USECONAD (GOODSPEED) ON HOW TO GUIDE
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON US PAPER ON "NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT:
STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION"
IN ORDER TO FURTHER US DESIRE TO ELICIT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY
ALL ALLIES IN WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION IF ISSUES INVOLVED.
USECONAD SAID THAT
SINCE US AIR IS TO STIMULATE THINKING IN ALLIED CAPITALS AND HIG
LEVEL DISCUSSION IN NATO OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF
CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION, ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT NECES-
SARILY ATTEMPT TO PRODUCE COMPROMISE STUDY WITH WHICH ALL NATIONS
AGREE FULLY. RATHER, COMMITTEE SHOULD PREPARE STUDY WHICH WOULD
HIGHLIGHT DIFFERING ALLIED APPRECIATIONS SHOULD THEY EXIST. SUCH
A STUDY WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO PROMOTE DISCUSSION IN SPC AND
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LATER IN COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN AGREED TO MAKE PROPOSAL ALONG THESE LINES.

2. AT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING, CHAIRMAN REFERRED TO COUNCIL
AGREEMENT THAT ALLIANCE BEGIN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN ECONOMIC

COMMITTEE ON US PAPER ON ECONOMIC SITUATION. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT SINCE US AIM WAS TO ENGAGE PARTICIPATION OF ALL ALLIES IN DISCUSSION OF ISSUES INVOLVED, ALL DELEGATIONS SHOULD SUBMIT COMMENTS ON US PAPER TOGETHER WITH THEIR OWN ASSESSMENT OF ECONOMIC SITUATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE. DIRECTORATE WOULD THEN ATTEMPT TO DRAFT PAPER HIGHLIGHTING VARIOUS NATIONAL VIEWS WHICH WOULD BE FORWARDED TO SPC FOR CONSIDERATION AND SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN REQUESTED NATIONAL VIEWS BY MID-MARCH, SO THAT COMMITTEE COULD ATTEMPT TO GET PAPER TO SPC BY MID-APRIL. GOAL WOULD BE TO HAVE PAPER FOR COUNCIL TO DISCUSS BEFORE MAY MINISTERIAL. ALL ECONADS AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE.

3. MOST ECONADS WERE NOT PREPARED TO OFFER ANY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON US PAPER. BELGIAN REP (DE BROUWERE), HOWEVER, SAID PAPER WAS EXCELLENT EXCEPT THAT IT FAILED TO CONSIDER MONETARY PROBLEMS WHICH MAY EFFECT CHOSEN OF ALLIANCE. TURKISH REP (BANGUOGLU), SUPPORTED BY GREEK REP (MILLIKOURTIS), NOTED THAT US PAPER WAS SERIOUSLY INCOMPLETE IN THAT IT FAILED TO MENTION TURKEY, GREECE, AND PORTUGAL. US REP RESPONDED THAT PAPER DEALT WITH ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. US WOULD HAVE INCLUDED DATA ON TURKEY GREECE AND PORTUGAL IN STATISTICAL TABLES WERE IT AVAILABLE. HE SUGGESTED THAT TURKEY GREECE AND PORTUGAL PROVIDE IN THEIR COMMENTS PROJECTIONS THEY MAY HAVE MADE ON GNP, CONSUMER PRICES AND CURRENT ACCOUNT. US AIM, HE EMPHASIZED, WAS TO ENCOURAGE COMMENTS FROM ALL MEMBERS OF ALLIANCE. HE ADDED THAT US HOPED CONSIDERATION OF PAPER WOULD HELP ACHIEVE HARMONIZATION OF ALLIED VIEWS ON POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF ECONOMIC TRENDS.
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